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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HOMEPORTING DESTROYER TENDER IN NAPLES

1. THE U.S. NAVY HAS DETERMINED THAT THE HOMEPORTING OF A  
DESTROYER TENDER IN NAPLES DEPRIVES THE SIXTH FLEET OF THE  
FLEXIBILITY NEEDED TO RENDER TIMELY REQUIRED TENDER SER-  
VICES TO UNITS OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN.  
THEREFORE, THE U.S. NAVY PLANS TO REPLACE THE USS PIEDMONT  
(AD-17) ABOUT JULY 1976 WITH TENDERS ROTATING ABOUT EVERY  
SIX MONTHS FROM THE U.S.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIV-  
ER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE APPROPRIATE ITALIAN AUTHOR-  
ITIES. IN PRESENTING THE LETTER, THE EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE  
THAT THE CHANGE IN THE HOMEPORTING PROCEDURE IS BASED  
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SOLELY ON JUDGMENTS RELATED TO OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AND

ON DECISIONS TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO LONG-TERM PLANNING.

3. QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS DETERMINED THAT IT CAN BETTER CARRY OUT NATO RESPONSIBILITIES BY TERMINATING THE HOMEPORTING OF A DESTROYER TENDER IN NAPLES ABOUT JULY 1976 AND RETURNING TO THE CONCEPT OF ROTATING TENDERS TO THE SIXTH FLEET FROM THE UNITED STATES. SUCH DEPLOYED TENDERS CAN MORE READILY PROVIDE TIMELY SERVICES TO THE FLEET NOT ONLY AT NAPLES BUT WHEREVER ELSE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN THEIR SERVICES MAY BE REQUIRED. WITH THE TERMINATION OF HOMEPORTING, ABOUT 400 DEPENDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOMEPORTED TENDER WILL BE MOVING OUT OF THE NAPLES AREA. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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